

## Reading the book

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of the life of this country, while  
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many effects were scattered,  
all the chief, & the most of  
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old Roman law & the  
ancient mode of many countries  
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and second distributed by the same  
and the other rule of the same  
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says, "we", that is the command build two bridges over these streams." 33

One of the nights passed pleasantly. of the other I have no recollection.

Just as we were going to our sleeping quarters, the entire battery procured by armsfuls of cotton taken from an old gin house situated on the other side of the road and some distance up the creek. This we put in our tent and spreading our blankets over this surface made a very comfortable and clean bed. This was the only night during the service on the field, I remember of having slept on a cotton bed, although I have burned hundreds of bales of this product while on the march or on the raid.

Tuesday the 30th of December we crossed Stuarts Creek by a very commodious bridge and came on the ground made illustrious and known to us as the Battlefield of Stone River. Sometimes called by the Rebels as the Battle of Murfreesboro.

Yours very resp.

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